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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM US FR GW UK  
SUBJECT: QUADRILATERAL EXPERTS GROUP ON ARMS TRANSFERS

REF: STATE 183131

1. EMBOFF SAW DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MATTHIAS AUGUST 9 TO REQUEST FRG PARTICIPATION IN EXCHANGE OF PAPERS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. MATTHIAS SAID HE HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD FROM THE DISCUSSIONS IN BONN ON JUNE 22 THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON PRESENTING FORMAL WRITTEN REACTIONS TO THE US ARMS TRANSFER GUIDELINES. WHILE THIS WAS NO PROBLEM FOR THE FRG, BECAUSE OF ITS OWN RESTRICTIVE ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, HE HAD THOUGHT THAT SUCH A FORMAL EXCHANGE PRESENTED THE DANGER OF A NEGATIVE REACTION FROM THE FRENCH.

2. MATTHIAS HAD NO DIFFICULTY WITH THE IDEA OF A PAPER ON HOW THE FRG MAKES DECISIONS ON ARMS TRANSFERS (DESPITE THE FAMILIAR PROBLEM OF DEALING WITH ARMS WHICH ARE CO-PRODUCED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY FRANCE), AND HE THOUGHT SUCH A PAPER  
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WOULD ALSO MAKE IT OBVIOUS THAT THE FRG IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GUIDELINES PROPOSED BY THE US. WHILE HE WAS UNCONVINCED THAT IT MADE SENSE TO PREPARE A SEPARATE PAPER ON THE US GUIDELINES, HE STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE REQUEST AND WOULD CONSULT WITH THE OTHER FRG OFFICIALS CONCERNED. BECAUSE OF HOLIDAYS, HE COULD NOT PROMISE THAT THE REACTION WOULD COME IMMEDIATELY.

3. MATTHIAS EXPRESSED FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE  
IMPORTANCE OF A CONTINUING EXCHANGE ON THE SUBJECT AND  
RECALLED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED READINESS TO  
CALL ANOTHER MEETING OF THE EXPERTS' GROUP IF THE US  
SHOULD CONSIDER THAT DESIRABLE.  
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